

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Department of Natural Resources

Room 3710

September 13, 2005

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks and Recreation
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
SLAM, Mo – DEQ/Environmental
Response and Remediation
FISHER, Rand – DEQ/Division of Water Quality
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources
DANIELS, Ron – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
FAUSETT, Chris – School & Institutional Trust Lands
GUNNELL, Roy – Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
STONELY, Todd – Division of Water Resources

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – GOPB/Public Lands
LANDURETH, Brenda – DNR
HANSEN, MIKE – GOPB/Public Lands
CLARK, Robert – DEQ/AirQuality

Kimm Harty called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Announcements

Susan Zarekarizi made a motion to approve the August 9, 2005 minutes. Mike Canning seconded the motion were approved. The minutes were approved with a minor change.

II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Bureau of Land Management Update (Email message from Matthew Higdon read by Kimm Harty)

General schedules for the Vernal and Price Field Offices Resource Management Plans (RMPs) have been changed. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Proposed RMP for Vernal is expected spring 2006. The Record of Decision is anticipated in early 2007. The Final EIS/ Proposed RMP for Price is expected fall 2006 with the Record of Decision completed in late summer 2007.

The Utah Land Use Plan Amendment for Fire and Fuels Management will be signed this month.

A Federal Register Notice of Intent was published in late August to initiate an EIS for oil and gas development in the West Tavaputs area in the Price Field Office (Bill Barrett). Public meetings are tentatively scheduled to take place the third week of October (including one in the Salt Lake area). The Bureau of Land

Management will provide an update on the West Tavaputs Environmental Impact Statement at the October 11, 2005 meeting.

4. The Richfield Field Office is anticipating the release of their Draft RMP in November 2005. A presentation about the Richfield Draft RMP will need to be arranged if the draft is completed in November or December.

Ron Daniels, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, reported that it will be a calm legislative year and the division is interested in providing input on the new energy policy that the legislature will be considering this year. Uranium mining, oil and gas development are on the rise.

Mike Hansen, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, reported that Garfield and Beaver new counties are using the planning grant program to update county plans.

Michael Canning, Division of Wildlife Resources, announced the approval of the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. All 50 states are required to complete a conservation strategy. The state of Utah is now eligible to receive State Wildlife Grant money.

Kimm Harty who was the vice-chair is the new chair with the departure of Kim Frost. A new vice-chair position needed to be filled. Susan Zarekarizi was nominated by Kimm Harty to fill the vice-chair position, Mike Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

A handout of the current status of the RDCC Project Management System was provided to the committee. No items were discussed.

The Utah Department of Transportation Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the new St. George Airport (PML #5677) is a priority item available for review. Information will be sent to Carolyn Wright.

All Department of Natural Resources comments should be forwarded to Carolyn Wright.

Robert Clark reported asked if information regarding the modification or assessment for the Logan Airport has been received. No information has been received to date.

RDCC website updates since the Utah Energy Office has been dissolved. Laura Nelson the new Energy Director should be added to the RDCC contact list. A new representative from State History is also needed.

The Association of Counties are now interested in making it mandatory that local governments use the online coordination tool that allow review of city and county projects. There is a public lands component of RDCC. Urban planning will be addressed in the future by Mike Hansen's office.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in room 3720.